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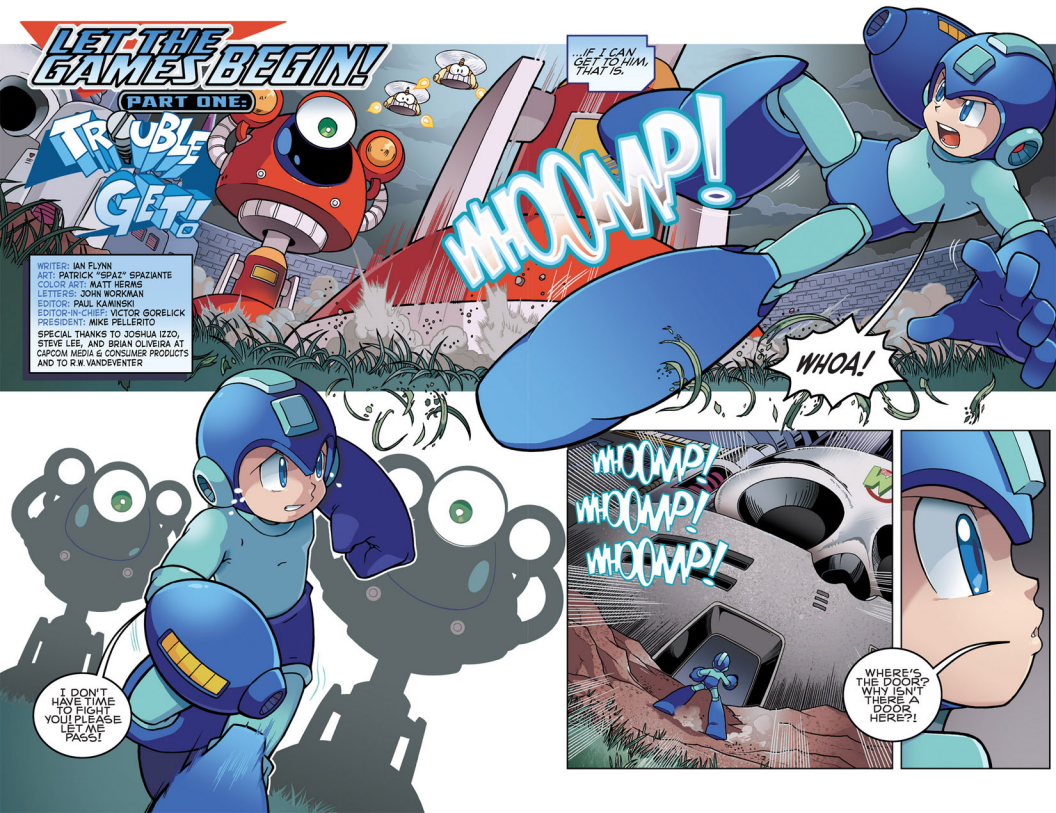
LIGHT LABS
THOMAS

WELL... HERE YOU ARE, ROCK.
TIME TO FACE DR. WILY.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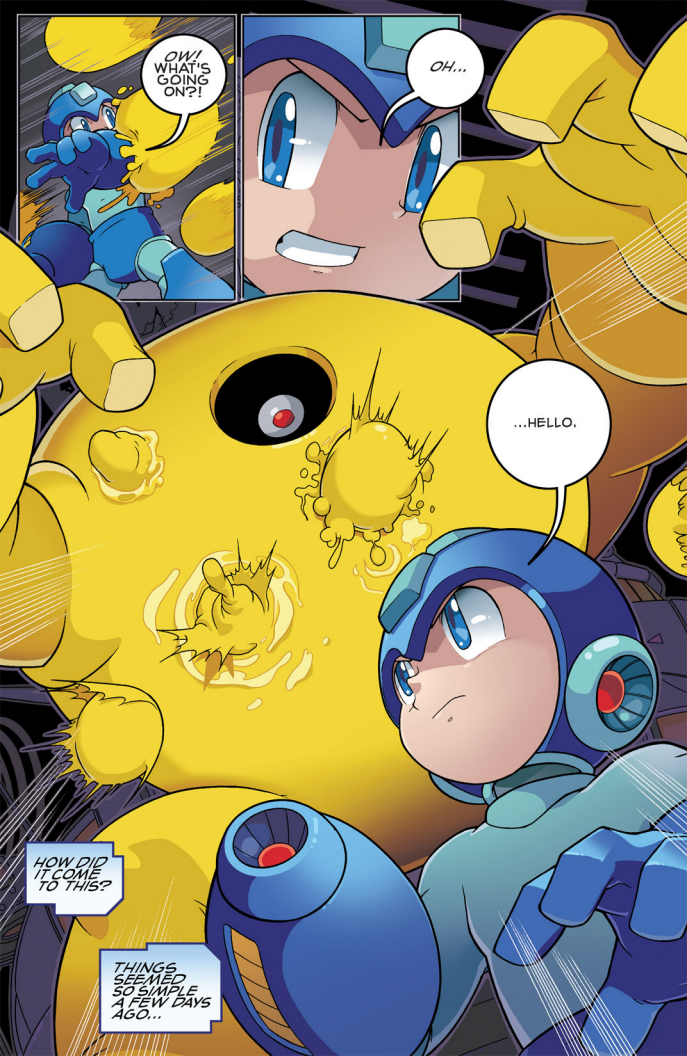
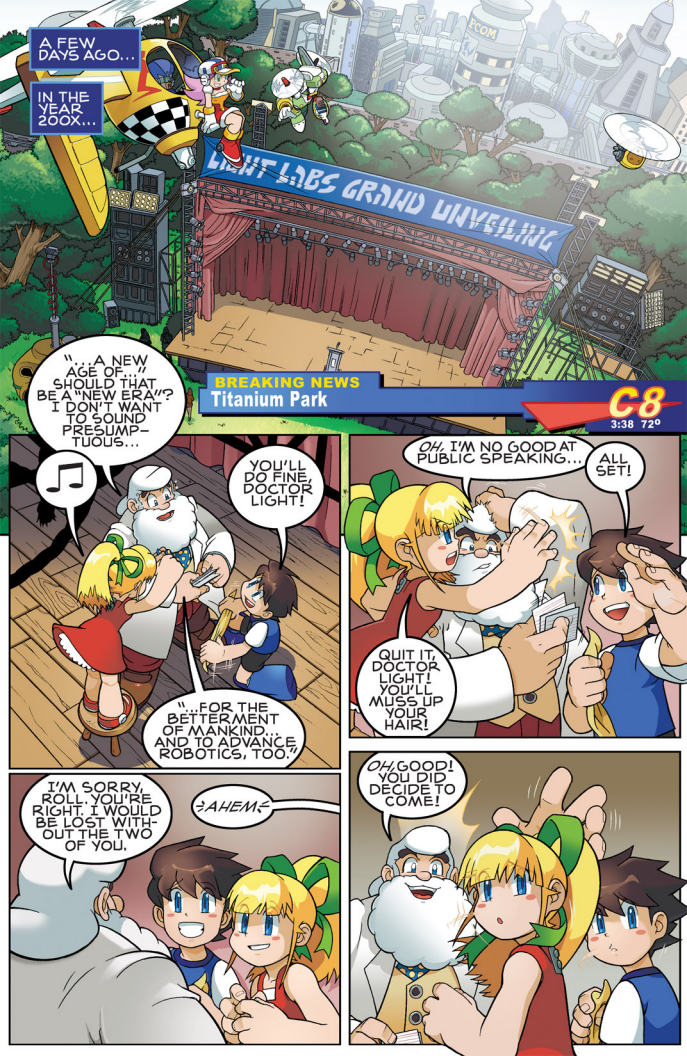
...IF I CAN GET TO HIM, THAT IS.
WHOOMP!
WHOA!
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO FIGHT YOU! PLEASE LET ME PASS!
WHOOMP!
WHOOMP!
WHOOMP!
WHERE'S THE DOOR? WHY ISN'T THERE A DOOR HERE?!

RRRUMMBLE!
YOU CAN'T KEEP ME OUT THAT EASILY, WILY!
WHAT A GLOOMY PLACE. THEN AGAIN, WHAT WAS I EXPECTING...
...LIGHT LABS?
HEY!
SLAM!


OW! WHAT'S GOING ON?!
OH...
...HELLO.
HOW DID IT COME TO THIS?
THINGS SEEMED SO SIMPLE A FEW DAYS AGO...


A FEW DAYS AGO...
IN THE YEAR 200X...
LIGHT LABS GRAND UNVEILING
BREAKING NEWS
Titanium Park
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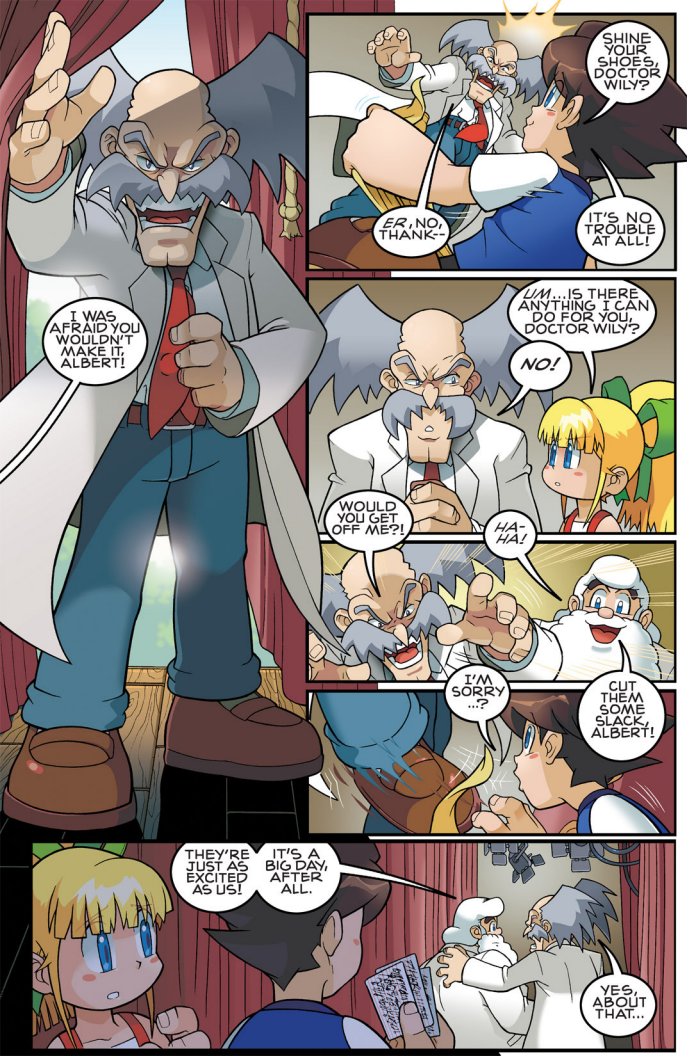
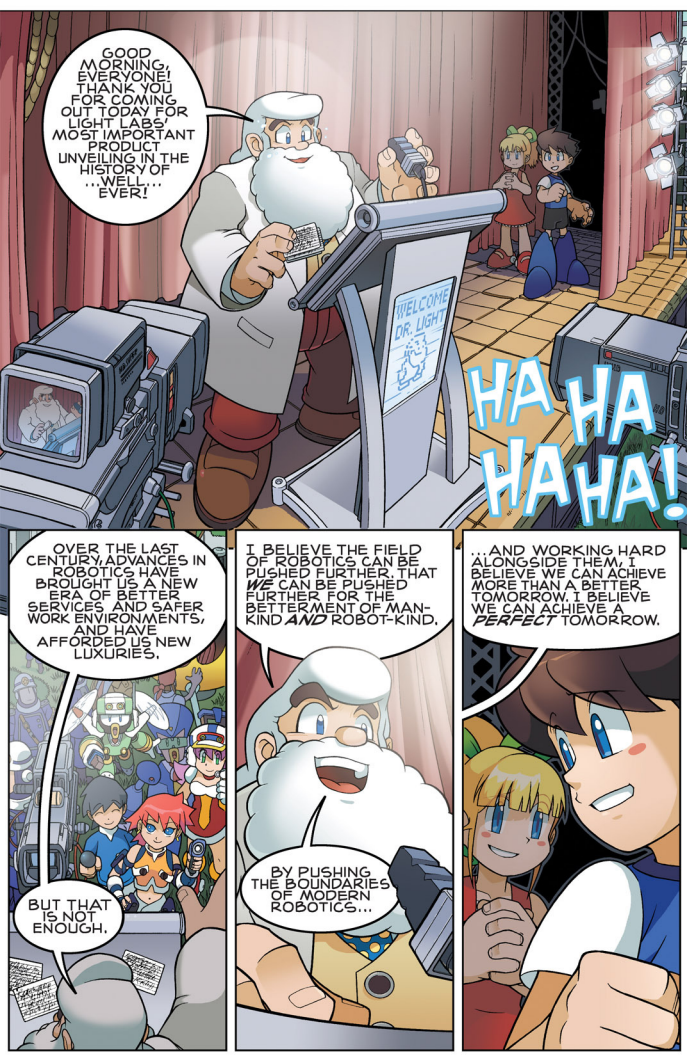
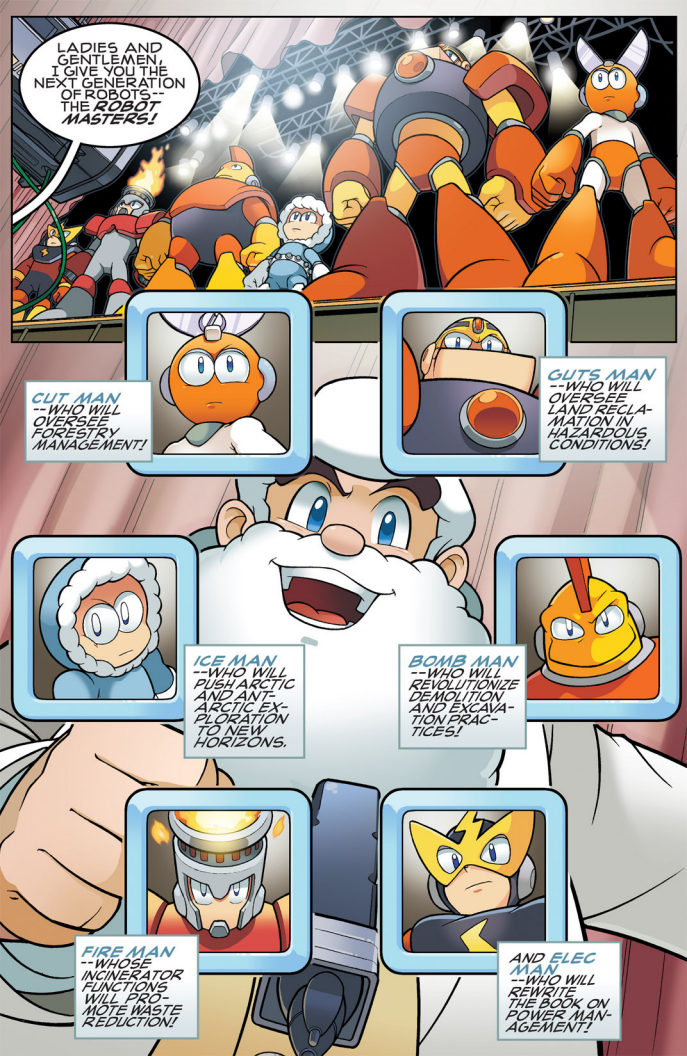
"...A NEW AGE OF..." SHOULD THAT BE A "NEW ERA"? I DON'T WANT TO SOUND PRESUMPTUOUS...
♫
YOU'LL DO FINE, DOCTOR LIGHT!
"...FOR THE BETTERMENT OF MANKIND... AND TO ADVANCE ROBOTICS, TOO."
OH, I'M NO GOOD AT PUBLIC SPEAKING...
ALL SET!
QUIT IT, DOCTOR LIGHT! YOU'LL MUSS UP YOUR HAIR!
I'M SORRY, ROLL. YOU'RE RIGHT. I WOULD BE LOST WITHOUT THE TWO OF YOU.
AHEM
OH, GOOD! YOU DID DECIDE TO COME!


SHINE YOUR SHOES, DOCTOR WILY?
ER, NO, THANK--
IT'S NO TROUBLE AT ALL!
I WAS AFRAID YOU WOULDN'T MAKE IT, ALBERT!
UM...IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO FOR YOU, DOCTOR WILY?
NO!
WOULD YOU GET OFF ME?!
HA-HA!
I'M SORRY ...?
CUT THEM SOME SLACK, ALBERT!
THEY'RE JUST AS EXCITED AS US!
IT'S A BIG DAY, AFTER ALL.
YES, ABOUT THAT...

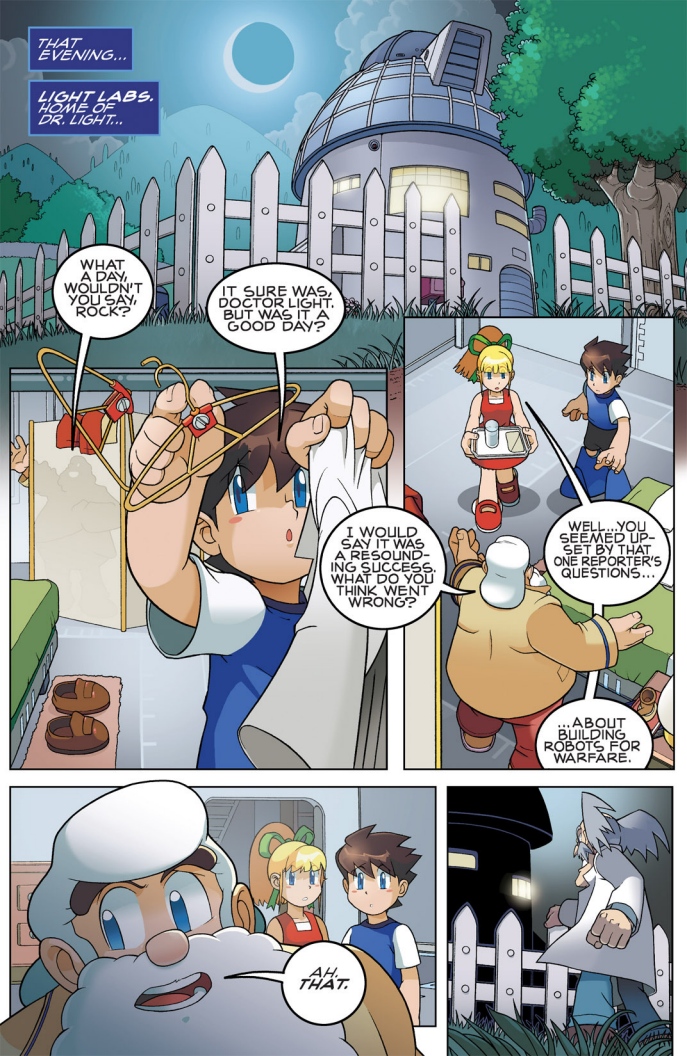
I HELPED DESIGN THE ROBOT MASTER LINE, DIDN'T I?
YES.
I HELPED BUILD THEM, DIDN'T I?
SIGH YES.
THEN I SHOULD BE ON THAT STAGE MAKING THE UNVEILING ANNOUNCEMENT WITH YOU!
ALBERT, WE'VE BEEN OVER THIS...
YOU LOST YOUR CREDENTIALS WHEN YOU DID THOSE UNETHICAL ROBOTICS EXPERIMENTS.
THAT KIND OF NEGATIVITY...
...WOULD UNDERMINE EVERYTHING WE'RE TRYING TO DO WITH LIGHT LABS.
OH, HOW SILLY OF ME, THOMAS. I FORGOT THAT "LIGHT" MAKES "RIGHT."
NOW HOLD ON...

I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN ALL THE WORK WE DID IN UNIVERSITY. YOU'VE MADE YOUR MISTAKES, BUT I KNOW YOU CAN MAKE UP FOR THEM.
HMPH.
YOU'RE AN EQUAL PARTNER IN LIGHT LABS WHERE IT COUNTS.
YOU'LL MISS OUT ON TODAY, BUT HISTORY WILL REMEMBER THE TWO MEN WHO CHANGED THE FUTURE!
JUST DON'T FLUB YOUR LINES, TOMMY-BOY!
HA-HA! LET'S NOT ASK FOR MIRACLES, AL.
IT'S TIME, DOCTOR LIGHT!
OH, BOY.
OKAY! HERE WE GO!


GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE! THANK YOU FOR COMING OUT TODAY FOR LIGHT LABS' MOST IMPORTANT PRODUCT UNVEILING IN THE HISTORY OF ...WELL.... EVER!
WELCOME DR. LIGHT
HA HA HA HA!
OVER THE LAST CENTURY, ADVANCES IN ROBOTICS HAVE BROUGHT US A NEW ERA OF BETTER SERVICES AND SAFER WORK ENVIRONMENTS, AND HAVE AFFORDED US NEW LUXURIES.
BUT THAT IS NOT ENOUGH.
I BELIEVE THE FIELD OF ROBOTICS CAN BE PUSHED FURTHER THAT *WE* CAN BE PUSHED FURTHER FOR THE BETTERMENT OF MANKIND *AND* ROBOT-KIND.
BY PUSHING THE BOUNDARIES OF MODERN ROBOTICS...
...AND WORKING HARD ALONGSIDE THEM, I BELIEVE WE CAN ACHIEVE MORE THAN A BETTER TOMORROW. I BELIEVE WE CAN ACHIEVE A *PERFECT* TOMORROW.


LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I GIVE YOU THE NEXT GENERATION OF ROBOTS-- THE ROBOT MASTERS!
CUT MAN --WHO WILL OVERSEE FORESTRY MANAGEMENT!
GUTS MAN --WHO WILL OVERSEE LAND RECLAMATION IN HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS!
ICE MAN --WHO WILL PUSH ARCTIC AND ANTARCTIC EXPLORATION TO NEW HORIZONS.
BOMB MAN --WHO WILL REVOLUTIONIZE DEMOLITION AND EXCAVATION PRACTICES!
FIRE MAN --WHOSE INCINERATOR FUNCTIONS WILL PROMOTE WASTE REDUCTION!
AND ELEC MAN --WHO WILL REWRITE THE BOOK ON POWER MANAGEMENT!

THESE ROBOT MASTERS WILL ALL HAVE ADVANCED A.I. SYSTEMS* THAT WILL ALLOW THEM TO PERFORM COMPLEX TASKS, INTERACT WITH PEOPLE, AND DIRECT OTHER ROBOTS IN THEIR DUTIES.
*ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.
CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP
I'LL NOW BE HAPPY TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS. YES, YOU, SIR?
RIPOT FROM THE BEE GAZETTE. EARLY IN YOUR CAREER...
...YOU BUILT ROBOTS FOR THE MILITARY, LIKE YOUR SO-CALLED "SNIPER JOE" MODEL. ARE THERE ANY PLANS ON USING THESE ADVANCED ROBOTS, Y'KNOW, FOR COVERT WAR OPERATIONS?
NO. I AM THROUGH BUILDING WEAPONS.
I AM MORE INTERESTED IN PURSUING CONSTRUCTIVE MEANS OF ADVANCING HUMANITY.
...
PEH!
NEXT QUESTION, PLEASE?


THAT EVENING...
LIGHT LABS. HOME OF DR. LIGHT...
WHAT A DAY, WOULDN'T YOU SAY, ROCK?
IT SURE WAS, DOCTOR LIGHT. BUT WAS IT A GOOD DAY?
I WOULD SAY IT WAS A RESOUNDING SUCCESS. WHAT DO YOU THINK WENT WRONG?
WELL...YOU SEEMED UPSET BY THAT ONE REPORTER'S QUESTIONS...
...ABOUT BUILDING ROBOTS FOR WARFARE.
AH, THAT.

I BELIEVE VIOLENCE SHOULD BE SAVED AS THE ABSOLUTE LAST RESORT. I BUILT THINGS I MAY NOT HAVE AGREED WITH IN THE PAST...
...TO START LIGHT LABS. I AM NOT PROUD OF THAT.
...TO RAISE THE MONEY AND NOTORIETY I NEEDED...
BUT THEN I BUILT YOU TWO--MY FINEST CREATIONS. AND WITH YOU CHILDREN, I SAW THE POTENTIAL FOR A BETTER FUTURE.
WHERE ROBOTS ARE MORE THAN JUST TOOLS, AND PEOPLE ARE BETTER FOR IT.
GOOD NIGHT, DOCTOR LIGHT!
GOOD NIGHT, CHILDREN...
TOMORROW IS A BRIGHT NEW DAY!

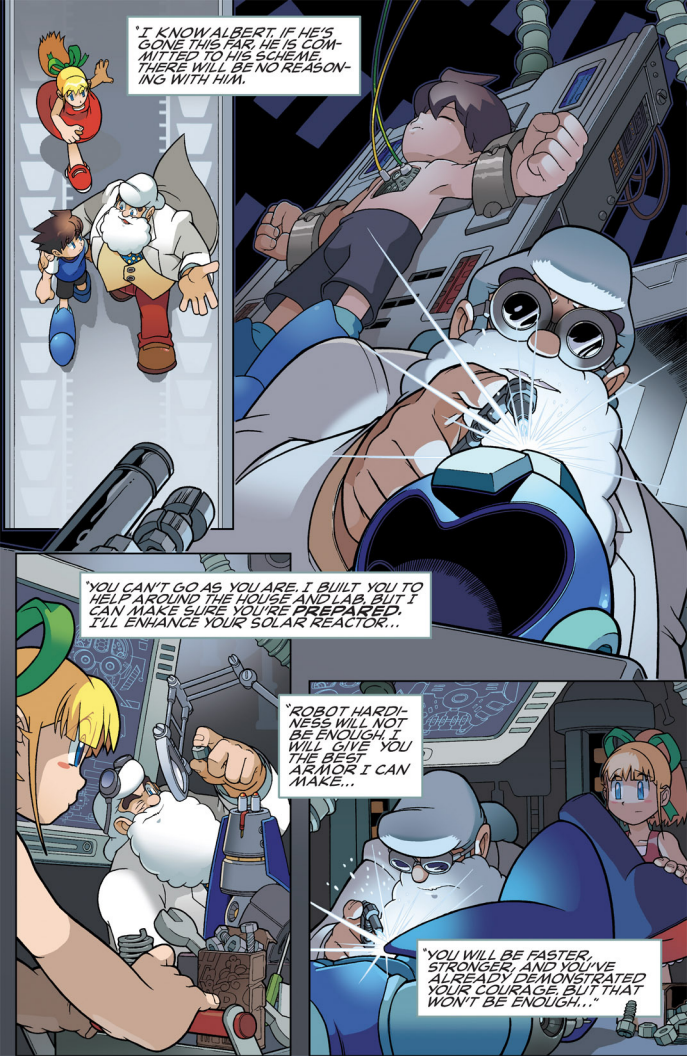
THE BRIGHT NEW MORNING...
ZZZZ SNRK WHUH--?
WAKE UP! THE ROBOT MASTERS ARE GONE!
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE ROBOT MASTERS?
I DON'T KNOW!
I CAME IN TO CLEAN THIS MORNING, AND...
CONTAINMENT BREACH
DOCTOR LIGHT! DOCTOR LIGHT!
YOU NEED TO SEE THE MORNING NEWS RIGHT NOW!
OH, NO... NO, NO, NO...

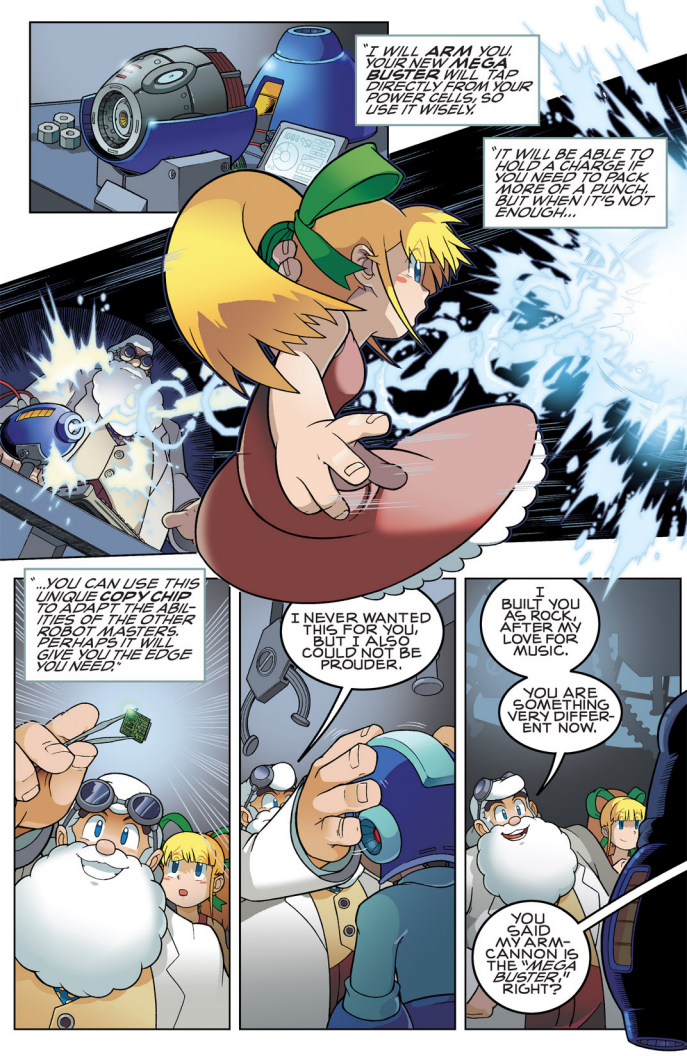
ROBOT RAMPAGE
...LI WITH CHANNEL 8 NEWS. WE CONTINUE OUR COVERAGE OF A SUDDEN ROBOT ATTACK DOWNTOWN.
CAP PLAZA
AS YOU CAN SEE, THE ROBOTS ARE CAUSING MASSIVE DAMAGE AND POSSESS POWERS UNLIKE ANYTHING WE'VE EVER SEEN...
WHAT'S WORSE IS THAT NOTHING SEEMS ABLE TO SUBDUE THEM. THE POLICE WERE QUICKLY OUTMATCHED THIS MORNING...
...AND THE ARMY HAS ALREADY BEEN DEFEATED.
SO FAR, NO ONE HAS CLAIMED·ZZT·IBILITY NOR ·VV·DEMANDS ···KSSSH!···

WHA-HA-HA-HA! DO NOT ATTEMPT TO LOOK AWAY, FOOLS! DOCTOR ALBERT W. WILY CONTROLS THE AIR-WAVES NOW! AND SOON--THE WORLD!
NO DOUBT YOU'VE SEEN MY ROBOT MASTERS AT WORK! BUILT BY MY GENIUS, THEY ARE UN-STOPPABLE! ALL OF THIS VIOLENCE CAN BE AVOIDED...
ALL I DEMAND IS COMPLETE AND IMMEDIATE SUR-RENDER FROM THE WORLD'S LEADERS, AND TO BE RECOG-NIZED AS THE GREATEST GENIUS IN THE HISTORY OF MANKIND!
UM...SIT DOWN, DOCTOR.
TURN IT OFF, PLEASE.
RIGHT AWAY!
CLICK
OTHERWISE, THIS MORNING WILL JUST BE A TASTE OF THE TERROR I'LL UNLEASH! HA HA HA HA!

IT'LL BE OKAY. YOU'LL SEE. EVERYBODY KNOWS DOCTOR WILY IS BEHIND IT NOW, SO THEY'LL STOP HIM.
NO, NO, THEY WON'T.
WE BUILT THE ROBOT MASTERS TO SET THE NEW STANDARD. THERE IS LITERALLY NOTHING THAT CAN STAND UP TO THEM! NOBODY CAN STOP HIM NOW!
I'LL DO IT.
WH-WHAT?!

WHAT DOCTOR WILY IS DOING IS WRONG. YOU BUILT US JUST LIKE YOU BUILT THE ROBOT MASTERS. SO YOU CAN MAKE ME ABLE TO STOP THEM.
ROCK...
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING? AREN'T YOU SCARED YOU'LL GET HURT?
WELL, SURE I'M SCARED. AND I DON'T WANT TO HURT ANYONE.
I KNOW. YOU DON'T WANT TO MAKE FIGHTING ROBOTS ANYMORE. AND IF I CAN GET THE OTHERS TO STOP BEING BAD, I WILL. BUT IF I HAVE TO FIGHT... THEN I HAVE TO FIGHT.
OTHER-WISE, WHO WILL HELP EVERY-ONE?
ROCK, MY BOY, YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT!


"I KNOW ALBERT. IF HE'S GONE THIS FAR, HE IS COMMITTED TO HIS SCHEME. THERE WILL BE NO REASONING WITH HIM.
"YOU CAN'T GO AS YOU ARE. I BUILT YOU TO HELP AROUND THE HOUSE AND LAB, BUT I CAN MAKE SURE YOU'RE PREPARED. I'LL ENHANCE YOUR SOLAR REACTOR...
"ROBOT HARDINESS WILL NOT BE ENOUGH. I WILL GIVE YOU THE BEST ARMOR I CAN MAKE...
"YOU WILL BE FASTER, STRONGER, AND YOU'VE ALREADY DEMONSTRATED YOUR COURAGE. BUT THAT WON'T BE ENOUGH..."


"I WILL ARM YOU. YOUR NEW MEGA BUSTER WILL TAP DIRECTLY FROM YOUR POWER CELLS, SO USE IT WISELY.
"IT WILL BE ABLE TO HOLD A CHARGE IF YOU NEED TO PACK MORE OF A PUNCH. BUT WHEN IT'S NOT ENOUGH...
"...YOU CAN USE THIS UNIQUE COPY CHIP TO ADAPT THE ABILITIES OF THE OTHER ROBOT MASTERS. PERHAPS IT WILL GIVE YOU THE EDGE YOU NEED."
I NEVER WANTED THIS FOR YOU, BUT I ALSO COULD NOT BE PROUDER.
I BUILT YOU AS ROCK AFTER MY LOVE FOR MUSIC.
YOU ARE SOMETHING VERY DIFFERENT NOW.
YOU SAID MY ARM-CANNON IS THE "MEGA BUSTER," RIGHT?

THEN YOU CAN CALL ME MEGA MAN!
THE ADVENTURE IS JUST BEGINNING! COME BACK NEXT TIME AS MEGA MAN BEGINS HIS FIGHT AGAINST DR. WILY!

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THE STORY CONTINUES...

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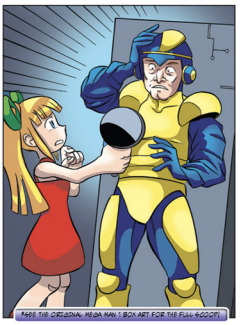
THERE. THAT'S THE LAST OF THE UPGRADES.
YAY! AM I A SUPER FIGHTING ROBOT NOW?
WELL, YES, BUT...THE UPGRADE PROCESS WASN'T PRETTY.
WHY? WHAT'S WRONG?



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